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SUBJECT: 12TH FAO REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR
NEAR EAST - THIRD AND FINAL REPORT

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1. SUMMARY: CONFERENCE CLOSED WITH COMMENDATORY REMARKS BY DELEGATES PAKISTAN AND SAUDI ARABIA AS SPOKESMEN FOR ALL DELEGATIONS, STRESSING FRIENDLY DISCUSSION OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS OF REGION, HAILING SPIRIT OF REGIONAL CO-OPERATION AND THANKING JORDANIAN OFFICIALS, FAO REGIONAL AND HEADQUARTERS STAFF FOR THE UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS OF CONFERENCE. REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND CHAIRMAN OF CONFERENCE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR LAUDATORY REMARKS.

2. TWENTY THREE RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED BY CONFERENCE. INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CENTER FOR AGRICULTURE IN DRY AREAS PROPOSED BY CGIAR
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DISCUSSED AT LENGTH. CONFERENCE CAUTIONED CREA-

TION OF MANY NEW REGIONAL CENTERS PROPOSED BY VARIOUS COUNTRIES. WORLD FOOD PROGRAM EXPANSION TO SYRIA SUPPORTED. ADDITIONAL COUNTRY CONTRIBUTIONS TO WFP URGED. NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER BRIEFLY MENTIONED.

3. FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED BY CONFERENCE WILL BE REVIEWED IN CONTEXT OF SOUNDINGS BY REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE, SOME OF WHICH WILL BE CONSOLIDATED IN TEXT OF FINAL REPORT PREPARED BY SECRETARIAT:

- A. CONTINUATION OF RAINFED STUDIES BY FAO.
2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL RANGE MANAGEMENT AND ARID LAND INSTITUTE.
3. REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER FOR RAINFED AGRICULTURE.
- R. FOOD SECURITY PROGRAMS AND STRENGTHENING REGIONAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS.
5. ORIENTATIONS OF THE NEAR EAST REGIONAL OFFICE OF FAO TOWARDS GREATER INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES.
6. INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT.
7. WORLD FOOD PROGRAM
8. HORTICULTURAL PRODUCTION
9. AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION
10. REGIONAL PROJECT ON IMPROVEMENT AND PRODUCTION OF FIELD GOOD CROPS IN NEAR EAST AND NORTH AFRICA.
11. EXPANSION OF EMERGENCY FUND FOR THE CONTROL OF ANIMAL DISEASES AND DESERT LOCUST
12. THE PROBLEM OF KAT
13. ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL RAINFED AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN DRY LANDS
14. THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS
15. FISHERIES
16. FOLLOW-UP PROJECT TO THE UNDP/FAO/NEADEC PROJECT
17. THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT
18. HOME ECONOMICS EXTENSION PROGRAMS
19. ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL CENTER FOR PALMS AND DATES
20. FOOD AND NUTRITION IN AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS.
21. PROBLEMS IN POPULATION
22. ESTABLISHMENT OF A PESTICIDES SCHEME
23. STRENGTHENING THE NEAR EAST REGIONAL OFFICE

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4. SUBJECT RECEIVING EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION THROUGHOUT CONFERENCE WAS THE DECISION OF CGIAR TO ESTABLISH IN THE NEAR EAST AN INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CENTER FOR AGRICULTURE IN THE DRY AREAS. SEVERAL COUNTRIES INTERESTED IN BOTH LOCATIONS OF CENTER AS WELL AS ITS ASSOCIATE RESEARCH AND OUTREACH LOCATIONS. NOUR, IN HIS REVIEW FUTURE ORIENTATION,

STATED FAO REGIONAL OFFICE WILL TAKE LEAD IN SETTING UP THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CENTER STATING THAT BOERMA ASKED HIM TO REPRESENT FAO AT CGIAR MEETING IN LONDON END SEPTEMBER TO PUT FINISHING TOUCHES ON ESTABLISHMENT CENTER.

5. DELEGATE OF PAKISTAN, AMONG OTHER COUNTRIES, SUPPORTED IMPORTANCE FAO REGIONAL OFFICE BEING CLOSELY INVOLVED IN CENTER, ESPECIALLY OUTREACH ASPECTS AND IN A FINAL INTERVENTION PUT CASE FOR LOCATION OF ASSOCIATE RESEARCH AND OUTREACH CENTER IN HIS COUNTRY. BEING UNAWARE OF CONSULTATIVE GROUP'S PROCEDURES, PAKISTAN DELEGATE STATED THAT IF FIELD MISSION SHOULD VISIT HIS COUNTRY AND OTHER COUNTRIES INTERESTED PLUS DISCUSSIONS NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS, REQUESTED NOUR INFORM CGIAR AT LONDON MEETING OF SUCH INTEREST WHICH HE AGREED TO DO.

6. MANY DELEGATES IN DEBATE AND FINAL REPORT OF CONFERENCE CAUTIONED CREATION OF NEW REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND CENTERS PROPOSED BY SEVERAL COUNTRIES IN RECOGNITION OF BURDEN OF FINANCIAL AND MANPOWER RESOURCES WHICH NEW INSTITUTIONS REQUIRE AND TIME NEEDED TO MATURE. CONFERENCE REQUESTED FAO REGIONAL REP UNDERTAKE INVENTORY EXISTING INSTITUTIONS IN REGION,

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REVIEW THEIR FUTURE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES AND ASSESS CAPACITY OF EACH TO INITIATE NEW FUNCTIONS. CONFERENCE FURTHER STRESSED NEED FOR CLOSER COOPERATION AND SHARING OF EXPERIENCE.

7. IN DEBATE ON AGENDA ITEM 11-- WORLD FOOD PROGRAM - SYRIA REQUESTED WFP SEND MISSION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO LIBERATED GOLAN HEIGHTS, LATER DEFINED AS QNAITRA OR SYRIAN HEIGHTS, FOR ASSISTING ITS REHABILITATION, WHICH REQUEST CONFERENCE SUPPORTED IN ADOPTED REPORT.

8. RESPONDING TO DEABE, AQUINO INDICATED NO NEED FOR SYRIAN RESOLUTION AS WFP ALREADY CONSIDERING PROJECT TO BE READY NEXT WEEK INVOLVING 30,000 PEOPLE AND EXPRESSED HOPE TO DO MORE.

9. CONFERENCE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF CONTRIBUTION \$50 MILLION TO WFP BY SAUDI ARABIA AND ACCEPTED RECOMMENDATION PROPOSED BY PAKISTAN THAT OTHER GOVERNMENTS IN POSITION TO DO SO MAKE GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.
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TRIBUTIONS TO WFP FOR USE IN SUPPORT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND EMERGENCY OPERATIONS FOR BENEFIT NEEDY PEOPLE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

10. THE ADOPTED REPORT ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE WOULD DEFINE LONG-TERM POLICY FOR FOOD AID WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO ROLE MULTILATERAL FOOD AID THROUGH WFP.

11. NOUR, FAO REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE, SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM 18-- FAO ACTIVITIES IN REGION AND THEIR FUTURE ORIENTATION --BASED ON DEBATE AND CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS, STARTED HIS STATEMENT WITH BRIEF COMMENTS ON NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER CITING NERC/74/14 AND ALSO REFERRING TO OPENING STATEMENT OF BOERMA ON THIS SUBJECT. HE MENTIONED ITS IMPORTANCE WHICH AFFECTS ALL COUNTRIES OF WORLD. SINCE SUBJECT IS NEW, HE WILL AWAIT INSTRUCTIONS INDICATED THAT MATTER WILL BE DISCUSSED IN OTHER WORLD FORUMS, POSSIBLY BY HEADS OF STATE, AS WELL AS OTHER REGIONS WHICH WILL HAVE REVIEWS ON SUBJECT.

12. BOTH JORDAN AND PAKISTAN SPOKE IN REGARD NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER TO EFFECT THAT FAO ADOPT PROGRAMS IN LINE WITH OBJECTIVES AND THAT GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND SPECIAL PRGRAMS BE KEPT IN FOREFRONT AS PART OF REGIONAL COOPERATION.

13. REPORT MERELY INDICATED THAT CONFERENCE TOOK NOTE DOC NERC /74/14 AND EXPRESSED GENERAL SUPPORT TO FAO IN ITS KEEN EFFORTS TO PLAY POSITIVE ROLE IN PROPOSED NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER.

14. CONTINUING HIS REVIEW OF REGIONAL ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE ORIENTATION, NOUR COVERED THE MAIN CONFERENCE SUBJECTS LISTING THE TOPICS INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA AND DISCUSSED IN CONFERENCE REFLECTING LARGELY CURRENT PLAN OF WORK AND BUDGET
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WITHOUT GIVING ANY GUIDANCE AS TO PRIORITY FOR EITHER CONTINUATION OF OLD INITIATION OF NEW PROJECTS.

15. CONFERENCE EXPRESSED DESIRABLE TO HOLD NEXT CONFERENCE AFTER RAMADAN, WHICH WAS NOT MENTIONED IN APPROVED REPORT. NOTING INVITATION OF GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS STILL OPEN, CONFERENCE INDICATED PRIORITY FOR LOCATION NEXT MEEGING WOULD BE GIVEN TO CYPRUS. IRAN REITERATED PREVIOUSLY EXTENDED INVITATION AND IRAQ ALSO EXPRESSED READINESS HOST THIRTEENTH REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR NEAR EAST.

16. THE DISCUSSION ON THE ADOPTION OF THE REPORT CONTINUALLY BROUGHT OUT LANGUAGE DIFFICULTIES CAUSED BY DRAFTING COMMITTEE WORKING IN ENGLISH LEAVING TRANSLATION TO SECRETARIAT WHICH DID A RUSH JOB TO COMPLETE ARABIC TEXT IN FEW HOURS PRIOR LAST DAY OF CONFERENCE. SECRETARIAT ASSURED DELEGATION THAT CAREFUL AND CORRECT REVISION OF ARABIC TEXT FOR CONFERENCE REPORT WOULD BE CIRCULATED TO GOVERNMENTS THERE MAY EVEN BE SOME SHORTCOMINGS IN REGIONAL OFFICE STAFF IN HANDLING ACCURANCY OF TRANSLATION. HOWEVER, THE INTERPRETATION AT CONFERENCE APPEARED ADEQUATE FOR ALL CONCERNED.
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